



House of Commons  
Scottish Affairs Committee

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# **Minutes of Proceedings**

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**Session 2008–09**

## The Scottish Affairs Committee

The Scottish Affairs Committee is appointed by the House of Commons to examine the expenditure, administration, and policy of the Scotland Office (including (i) relations with the Scottish Parliament and (ii) administration and expenditure of the office of the Advocate General for Scotland but excluding individual cases and advice given within government by the Advocate General).

### Membership during Session 2008–09

Mr Mohammad Sarwar MP, (*Lab, Glasgow Central*) (Chairman)  
Mr Alistair Carmichael, (*Lib Dem, Orkney and Shetland*)  
Ms Katy Clark MP, (*Lab, North Ayrshire & Arran*)  
Mr Ian Davidson MP, (*Lab, Glasgow South West*)  
Mr Jim Devine MP, (*Lab, Livingston*)  
Mr Jim McGovern MP, (*Lab, Dundee West*)  
David Mundell MP, (*Con, Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale*)  
Lindsay Roy MP, (*Labour, Glenrothes*)  
Mr Charles Walker MP, (*Con, Broxbourne*)  
Mr Ben Wallace MP, (*Con, Lancaster and Wyre*)  
Pete Wishart MP, (*SNP, Perth and North Perthshire*)

### Powers

The committee is one of the departmental select committees, the powers of which are set out in House of Commons Standing Orders, principally in SO No. 152. These are available on the Internet via [www.parliament.uk](http://www.parliament.uk).

### Publications

The Reports and evidence of the Committee are published by The Stationery Office by Order of the House. All publications of the Committee (including press notices) are on the Internet at [www.parliament.uk/parliamentary\\_committees/scottish\\_affairs\\_committee.cfm](http://www.parliament.uk/parliamentary_committees/scottish_affairs_committee.cfm).

### Committee staff

The staff of the Committee during Session 2008–09 were Charlotte Littleboy (Clerk), Nerys Welfoot (Clerk), Georgina Holmes-Skelton (Second Clerk), Duma Langton (Senior Committee Assistant), James Bowman (Committee Assistant), Becky Crew (Committee Assistant), Karen Watling (Committee Assistant) and Tes Stranger (Committee Support Assistant).

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# Proceedings of the Committee

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**Wednesday 10 December 2008**

Members present:

Mr Mohammad Sarwar, in the Chair

Mr Alistair Carmichael

David Mundell

Mr Ian Davidson

Mr Charles Walker

Mr Jim Devine

Pete Wishart

Mr Jim McGovern

## **1. *New Member***

Pete Wishart declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992, as follows:

Remunerated employment, office, profession etc: He receives royalty payments from EMI/Ridge Records for his recorded works with Runrig, with whom he serves as an unremunerated director. He also receive payments for my published works from the Performing Rights Society.

## **2. *Work of the Committee in 2007-08***

The draft Report [Work of the Committee in 2007-08], was *agreed* to. The Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report were published in the First Report of Session 2008–09 (HC 55).

## **3. *Future Programme***

*Resolved*, That the Committee take oral evidence on the takeover of HBoS by Lloyds TSB.

*Resolved*, That the Committee take oral evidence from the Government on the enforcement of the national minimum wage.

*Resolved*, That the Committee take oral evidence on media in Scotland.

*Resolved*, That the Committee take oral evidence on Scottish transport links during the credit crunch.

## **4. *The Implications for the Scottish Economy of the Current Economic Climate***

Professor David Bell, Stirling University, Mr Garry Clark, Scottish Chambers of Commerce, Mr Stephen Boyd, Scottish TUC, Mr Grahame Smith, Scottish TUC, Mr Ian McMillan, CBI Scotland, and Mr David Lonsdale, CBI Scotland, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 21 January 2.00 p.m.]

### **Wednesday 21 January 2009**

Members present:

Mr Mohammad Sarwar, in the Chair

Mr Alistair Carmichael	Mr Jim McGovern
Ms Katy Clark	Mr Charles Walker
Mr Ian Davidson	Pete Wishart
Mr Jim Devine	

**1. *Annual evidence session with the Secretary of State***

The Committee considered this matter.

**2. *Visit to the Commonwealth Games site, Glasgow***

The Committee considered this matter.

**3. *Meetings in Glasgow, 9 February***

The Committee considered this matter.

**2. *Work of the Equality and Human Rights Commission in Scotland***

Ms Ros Micklem, National Director for Scotland, Mr Chris Oswald, Head of Policy and Parliamentary Affairs, Scotland, Ms Morag Patrick, Head of Research and Foresight, Scotland, and Ms Lynn Welsh, Head of Strategic Litigation, Scotland, Equality and Human Rights Commission, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 28 January at 2.00 p.m.]

*Monday 26 January 2009*

*The Chairman, Mr Jim Devine, Mr Jim McGovern and Pete Wishart visited Glasgow in connection with the Committee's work on the 2014 Commonwealth Games, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 19 November 2008.*

### **Wednesday 28 January 2009**

Members present:

Mr Mohammad Sarwar, in the Chair

Mr Ian Davidson  
Mr Jim Devine  
Mr Jim McGovern

Mr Charles Walker  
Mr Ben Wallace  
Pete Wishart

**1. *Credit Unions in Scotland***

Ian Pearson MP, Economic Secretary, HM Treasury, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 4 February at 2.00 p.m.]

**Wednesday 4 February 2009**

Members present:

Mr Mohammad Sarwar, in the Chair

Ms Katy Clark  
Mr Ian Davidson  
Mr Jim Devine  
Mr Jim McGovern

David Mundell  
Lindsay Roy  
Pete Wishart

**1. *New Member***

Lindsay Roy declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992, as follows:

He is a Member of School Leaders Scotland and the International Confederation of Principals.

**2. *Visit to Glasgow, Monday 9 February***

The Committee considered this matter.

**3. *Credit Unions in Scotland***

The Committee considered this matter.

**4. *Meeting Scotland's Future Energy Needs***

The Committee considered this matter.

**5. *Work of the Equality and Human Rights Commission***

The Committee considered this matter.

**6. *Banking in Scotland***

*Resolved*, That the Committee hold two oral evidence sessions to take evidence on the practical and competition implications of the acquisition of HBOS by Lloyds Banking Group, the operation of banks in Scotland following recent developments in the UK banking sector, and the provision of banking services to the public in the current economic climate.

**7. *Future programme***

The Committee considered this matter.

**8. *Committee Visits***

*Resolved*, That the Committee will discuss any visit it has undertaken at the meeting of the Committee immediately following that visit.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 11 February at 2.00 p.m.]

*Monday 9 February 2009*

*The Chairman, Ms Clark, Mr Ian Davidson, Mr Jim Devine, Mr Jim McGovern, David Mundell and Lindsay Roy visited Glasgow in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Scotland and the European Union, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 15 October 2008.*

**Wednesday 11 February 2009**

Members present:

Mr Mohammad Sarwar, in the Chair

Mr Alistair Carmichael	Lindsay Roy
Ms Katy Clark	Mr Charles Walker
Mr Ian Davidson	Mr Ben Wallace
Mr Jim Devine	Pete Wishart
Mr Jim McGovern	

**1. *Visit to Glasgow on 9 February***

The Committee considered this matter.

**3. *Commission on Scottish Devolution***

Professor Sir Kenneth Calman, Chair, Professor Jim Gallagher, Secretary, and Mr Paul Kett, Head of Secretariat, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 25 February at 2.00 p.m.]

### **Wednesday 25 February 2009**

Members present:

Mr Mohammad Sarwar, in the Chair

Mr Jim Devine

Mr Ben Wallace

Mr Jim McGovern

Pete Wishart

Lindsay Roy

#### **1. *Future Programme***

*Resolved*, That the Committee conduct an inquiry into Media and Broadcasting in Scotland.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 4 March at 2.00 p.m.]

### **Wednesday 4 March 2009**

Members present:

Mr Mohammad Sarwar, in the Chair

Ms Katy Clark

Lindsay Roy

Mr Ian Davidson

Mr Charles Walker

Mr Jim Devine

Mr Ben Wallace

Mr Jim McGovern

Pete Wishart

#### **1. *Banking in Scotland***

Mr Stephen Boyd, Assistant Secretary, Scottish Trades Union Congress, Ms Wendy Dunsmore, UNITE National Secretary for Lloyds Banking Group, Mr Rob McGregor, UNITE National Officer for the Finance Sector, and Mr Owen Kelly, Chief Executive, Scottish Financial Enterprise, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 11 March at 2.00 p.m.]

### **Wednesday 11 March 2009**

Members present:

Mr Mohammad Sarwar, in the Chair

Mr Ian Davidson  
Mr Jim Devine  
Mr Jim McGovern

Lindsay Roy  
Mr Charles Walker  
Pete Wishart

**1. Credit Unions in Scotland**

The Committee discussed informally the Chairman's draft Report.

**2. Media in Scotland**

*Resolved*, That the Committee's inquiry into media and broadcasting in Scotland be redefined to cover only the Scottish press industry.

**3. Meeting Scotland's Future Energy Needs**

*Resolved*, That the Committee meet informally with the Scottish Parliament's Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee after the publication of that Committee's Report on their inquiry into Scotland's energy sector.

[Adjourned till Thursday 19 March at 9.00 a.m.]

**Thursday 19 March 2009**

Members present:

Mr Mohammad Sarwar, in the Chair

Mr Alistair Carmichael  
Mr Ian Davidson  
Mr Jim Devine  
Mr Jim McGovern  
David Mundell

Lindsay Roy  
Mr Charles Walker  
Mr Ben Wallace  
Pete Wishart

**1. Banking in Scotland**

*Ordered*, That the Clerk write to RBS and Lloyds TSB requesting updated information, in six to eight weeks time.

**2. Banking in Scotland**

Mr Gordon Pell, Deputy Group Chief Executive, Royal Bank of Scotland Group, and Mr Archie Kane, Group Executive Director, Scotland, Lloyds Banking Group, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 25 March at 2.00 p.m.]

### **Wednesday 25 March 2009**

Members present:

Mr Mohammad Sarwar, in the Chair

Ms Katy Clark

Lindsay Roy

Mr Ian Davidson

Mr Charles Walker

Mr Jim Devine

Pete Wishart

David Mundell

#### **1. *Visit to Brussels***

The Committee considered this matter.

#### **2. *Visit to Iceland/Ireland***

*Resolved*, That the Committee visit Iceland and Ireland in 2009 in connection with its inquiry into banking in Scotland, and that the Chairman seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

#### **3. *Meeting on Tuesday 31 March***

The Committee considered this matter.

#### **4. *Clarification of evidence taken from Gordon Pell, Deputy Group Chief Executive of Royal Bank of Scotland***

*Ordered*, That the Chairman write to Mr Pell requesting further clarification of the evidence he gave to the Committee on 19 March.

#### **5. *Enforcement of the National Minimum Wage***

Rt Hon Stephen Timms, Financial Secretary to HM Treasury, Ms Naomi Ferguson, Director, Local Compliance, and Ms Angela Homsey, Assistant Director, National Minimum Wage, HMRC, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 31 March at 4.00 p.m.]

### **Tuesday 31 March 2009**

Members present:

Mr Mohammad Sarwar, in the Chair

Mr Jim McGovern  
David Mundell  
Mr Charles Walker

Mr Ben Wallace  
Pete Wishart

**1. *Response from RBS***

The Committee considered this matter.

**2. *Crisis in the Scottish press industry***

Mr Paul Holleran, National Union of Journalists, Mr Stephen Boyd, Scottish Trades Union Congress, Professor Neil Blain, University of Stirling and Mr Martin Boyle, Cardonald College Glasgow, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 21 April at 11.00 a.m.]

**Tuesday 21 April 2009**

Members present:

Mr Mohammad Sarwar, in the Chair

Mr Alistair Carmichael  
Mr Ian Davidson  
Mr Jim Devine  
David Mundell

Lindsay Roy  
Mr Charles Walker  
Mr Ben Wallace

**1. *Banking in Scotland***

The Committee considered this matter.

**2. *Dunfermline Building Society***

*Resolved*, That the Committee conduct an inquiry into Dunfermline Building Society.

**3. *Visit of the Budget Affairs Commission of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress PR China***

The Committee considered this matter.

**4. *Scottish transport links and the credit crunch***

Mr Richard Boyle, Director of Strategy and Business Units, British Airways, Mr Alec McTavish, Director of Policy and Operations, Association of Train Operating Companies, and Lord Adonis, Minister of State for Transport, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 29 April at 2.00 p.m.]

### **Wednesday 29 April 2009**

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson	Mr Mohammad Sarwar
Mr Jim Devine	Mr Charles Walker
Mr Jim McGovern	Pete Wishart
Lindsay Roy	

In the temporary absence of the Chairman, Mr Ian Davidson was called to the Chair at this day's meeting.

**1. *Dunfermline Building Society***

The Committee considered this matter.

**2. *Banking in Scotland***

The Committee considered this matter.

**3. *Visit of the Budget Affairs Commission of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress PR China***

The Committee considered this matter.

**4. *Chairman's Draft Report on Credit Unions in Scotland***

The Committee discussed informally the Chairman's draft Report.

**5. *Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games***

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 6 May at 2.00 p.m.]

### **Wednesday 6 May 2009**

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson  
Mr Jim Devine  
Mr Jim McGovern  
David Mundell

Lindsay Roy  
Mr Charles Walker  
Mr Ben Wallace  
Pete Wishart

In the temporary absence of the Chairman, Mr Ian Davidson was called to the Chair at this day's meeting.

**1. *Banking in Scotland***

The Committee considered this matter.

**2. *Credit Unions in Scotland***

The draft Report [Credit Unions in Scotland], was *agreed* to. The Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report were published in the Second Report of Session 2008–09 (HC 218).

**3. *Crisis in the Scottish Press Industry***

Mr Tim Blott, Regional Managing Director, Newsquest (Herald and Times), Mr Mark Hollinshead, Managing Directors, Nationals, Trinity Mirror plc, Mr Michael Johnston, Divisional Managing Director, Scotland, Johnston Press, Mr John McLellan, Editor, The Scotsman and Mr Jim Raeburn, Director, Scottish Daily Newspaper Society, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 13 May at 2.00 p.m.]

**Wednesday 13 May 2009**

Members present:

Mr Mohammad Sarwar, in the Chair

Mr Ian Davidson  
Mr Jim Devine  
Mr Jim McGovern

Lindsay Roy  
Pete Wishart

**1. *Dunfermline Building Society***

The Committee considered this matter.

**2. *Crisis in the Scottish Press Industry***

The Committee considered this matter.

**3. *Enforcement of the National Minimum Wage in Scotland***

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to *Enforcement of the National Minimum Wage in Scotland* be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

NMW 03 – National Day Care Nurses Association

**4. *Enforcement of the National Minimum Wage in Scotland***

Mr Martin Couchman, OBE, Deputy Chief Executive, British Hospitality Association and Ms Eileen Lawson, Secretary General, British Hairdressers' Federation, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 20 May at 2.00 p.m.]

**Wednesday 20 May 2009**

Members present:

Mr Mohammad Sarwar, in the Chair

Mr Alistair Carmichael  
Mr Ian Davidson  
Mr Jim Devine

Mr Jim McGovern  
Lindsay Roy  
Pete Wishart

**1. *Banking in Scotland***

The Committee considered this matter.

**2. *Credit Unions in Scotland***

The Committee considered this matter.

**3. *Dunfermline Building Society***

Mr Jon Pain, Managing Director of Retail Markets, Financial Services Authority, Mr Andrew Bailey, Executive Director Banking & Chief Cashier, Bank of England, and Mr Clive Maxwell, Director, Financial Stability, HM Treasury, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 10 June at 2.00 p.m.]

**Wednesday 10 June 2009**

Members present:

Mr Mohammad Sarwar, in the Chair

Mr Alistair Carmichael

Mr Ben Wallace

Mr Ian Davidson

Pete Wishart

Lindsay Roy

**1. *Banking in Scotland***

The Committee considered this matter.

**2. *Meeting Scotland's Future Energy Needs***

*Resolved*, That the Committee meet informally with the Scottish Parliament's Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee.

**3. *Dunfermline Building Society***

Lindsay Roy declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Dunfermline Building Society: that he sat on the Board and Management of Lauder College with Graeme Dalziel; that he had worked closely with Mr Dalziel when he was a school headmaster and Mr Dalziel was Chief Executive of the Dunfermline Building Society; and that he is related to the Chairman of Nationwide Building Society.

Mr Graeme Dalziel, former Chief Executive, Dunfermline Building Society, Jim Faulds, former Chairman, Dunfermline Building Society, Jim Willens, former Chief Executive, Dunfermline Building Society, Ms Liz Kelly, Group Counsel, Nationwide Building Society, Mr Tony Prestedge, Group Development Director, Nationwide Building Society, and Ms Alison Robb, Divisional Director, Group Strategy and Planning, Nationwide Building Society.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 17 June at 2.00 p.m.]

**Wednesday 17 June 2009**

Members present:

Mr Mohammad Sarwar, in the Chair

Mr Ian Davidson

Mr Ben Wallace

David Mundell

Pete Wishart

Lindsay Roy

**1. Banking in Scotland**

The Committee considered this matter.

**2. Dunfermline Building Society**

The Committee considered this matter.

**3. Note from the Liaison Committee on the confidentiality of select committee documents**

The Committee considered this matter.

**4. Work of the Equality and Human Rights Commission, Scotland**

The draft Report [Work of the Equality and Human Rights Commission, Scotland], was *agreed* to. The Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report were published in the Third Report of Session 2008–09 (HC 176,).

**5. Final Report of the Commission on Scottish Devolution**

*Resolved*, That the Committee take oral evidence from Sir Kenneth Calman and Professor Anton Muscatelli.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 24 June at 2.00 p.m.]

**Wednesday 24 June 2009**

Members present:

Mr Mohammad Sarwar, in the Chair

Mr Ian Davidson  
David Mundell

Lindsay Roy  
Pete Wishart

**1. Banking in Scotland**

The Committee considered this matter.

**2. Crisis in the Scottish Press Industry**

The draft Report [Crisis in the Scottish Press Industry], was *agreed* to. The Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report were published in the Fourth Report of Session 2008–09 (HC 401).

*Resolved*, That the Committee launch the Report in Glenrothes on Monday 13 July.

**3. Evidence session on the Departmental Annual Report: topics for questioning**

The Committee considered this matter.

**4. *Enforcement of the National Minimum Wage in Scotland***

The Committee considered this matter.

**5. *Delegation from the Chinese Ministry of Finance***

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Monday 6 July at 9.45 a.m. at Glasgow City Chambers

**Monday 6 July 2009**

The Committee met at Glasgow City Chambers

Members present:

Mr Mohammad Sarwar, in the Chair

Mr Alistair Carmichael	Lindsay Roy
Mr Ian Davidson	Mr Ben Wallace
David Mundell	Pete Wishart

**1. *Commission on Scottish Devolution***

Sir Kenneth Calman KCB, Chairman, and Professor Jim Gallagher CB, Secretary, Commission on Scottish Devolution, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 8 July at 2.00 p.m.

**Wednesday 8 July 2009**

Members present:

Mr Mohammad Sarwar, in the Chair

Mr Alistair Carmichael	Mr Charles Walker
Mr Ian Davidson	Mr Ben Wallace
David Mundell	Pete Wishart
Lindsay Roy	

**1. Crisis in the Scottish Press Industry**

The Committee considered this matter.

**2. Diageo's proposals for restructuring its Scottish business**

*Resolved*, That the Committee meet with those unions representing employees of Diageo in Glasgow, and with senior executives of Diageo in Westminster.

**3. Scotland Office Departmental Annual Report**

Rt Hon Jim Murphy MP, Secretary of State for Scotland, Ann McKechnie MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Scotland, and Mr John Henderson, Deputy Director, Scotland Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 15 July at 2.00 p.m.]

**Wednesday 15 July 2009**

Members present:

Mr Mohammad Sarwar, in the Chair

Mr Alistair Carmichael

Mr Jim McGovern

Ms Katy Clark

David Mundell

Mr Ian Davidson

Lindsay Roy

Mr Jim Devine

Pete Wishart

**1. Dunfermline Building Society**

The draft Report [Dunfermline Building Society], was *agreed* to. The Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report were published in the Fifth Report of Session 2008–09 (HC 548).

*Resolved*, That the Committee launch the Report in Glasgow on Thursday 30 July.

**2. Future Programme**

*Ordered*, That the Chairman write to the Secretary of State for Scotland to request regular updates on the work of the Steering Group on the recommendations of the Calman Commission.

**3. Informal briefing from Diageo**

The Committee considered this matter.

The Chairman declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's work on Diageo's proposals for restructuring its Scottish business: that his company was a customer of Diageo Plc.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 14 October at 2.00 p.m.]

### **Wednesday 14 October 2009**

Members present:

Mr Mohammad Sarwar, in the Chair

Ms Katy Clark

Mr Ian Davidson

Mr Jim Devine

David Mundell

Lindsay Roy

Mr Ben Wallace

Mr Charles Walker

Pete Wishart

#### **1. *New Second Clerk***

The Committee considered this matter.

#### **2. *Enforcement of the National Minimum Wage in Scotland***

Draft Report [*Enforcement of the National Minimum Wage in Scotland*], proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read and agreed to.

The Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report were published in the Second Report of Session 2008–09 (HC 380).

*Resolved*, That the Committee launch the Report in Edinburgh on Monday 26 October.

#### **3. *Government response to the Committee's Report on Credit Unions in Scotland***

The Committee considered this matter.

#### **4. *Government response to the Committee's Report on the Work of the Equality and Human Rights Commission, Scotland***

The Committee considered this matter.

#### **5. *Government response to the Committee's Report on the Crisis in the Scottish Press Industry***

The Committee considered this matter.

#### **6. *Government response to the Committee's Report on the Dunfermline Building Society***

Draft Special Report (*Dunfermline Building Society: Government Response to the Committee's Fifth Report*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Fifth Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

*Resolved*, That the Report, be the First Special Report of the Committee to the House.

*Ordered*, That the Chairman make the Report to the House.

**7. *Future Programme***

The Committee considered this matter.

**8. *Banking in Scotland: visit to Ireland***

The Committee considered this matter.

**9. *Follow up information from the Secretary of State***

The Committee considered this matter.

**Wednesday 21 October 2009**

Members present:

Mr Mohammad Sarwar, in the Chair

Mr Alistair Carmichael

Mr Ian Davidson

Mr Jim Devine

David Mundell

Lindsay Roy

Mr Ben Wallace

Mr Charles Walker

Pete Wishart

**1. *Government response to the Committee's Report on Credit Unions in Scotland***

Draft Special Report (*Credit Unions in Scotland: Government Response to the Committee's Second Report*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Second Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

*Resolved*, That the Report, be the Second Special Report of the Committee to the House.

*Ordered*, That the Chairman make the Report to the House.

**2. *Government response to the Committee's Report on the Work of the Equality and Human Rights Commission, Scotland***

**3. Government response to the Committee's Report on Crisis in the Scottish Press Industry**

Draft Special Report (*Crisis in the Scottish Press Industry: Government Response to the Committee's Fourth Report*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Fourth Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

*Resolved*, That the Report, be the First Special Report of the Committee to the House.

*Ordered*, That the Chairman make the Report to the House.

**4. Banking in Scotland**

*Ordered*, That the written evidence relating to *Banking in Scotland* submitted by [name] be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

BANK 05 – Charter Institute of Housing in Scotland

BANK 08 – Clydesdale Bank

BANK 09 – CBI Scotland

BANK 10 – Scottish Trades Union Congress

BANK 11 – Unite the Union

BANK 12 – Law Society of Scotland

BANK 14 – Federation of Small Businesses

BANK 15 – Building Societies Association

BANK 16 – Scotland Office

*Ordered*, That Unite the Union be authorised to publish their written evidence on *Banking in Scotland*, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 135.

**5. Scotland and the UK: cooperation and communication between governments**

*Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into Scotland and the UK: Cooperation and communication between governments.

*Resolved*, That the Committee do not proceed with its inquiry into Scotland and the European Union.

**6. Future Programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

**Wednesday 4 November 2009**

Members present:

Mr Mohammad Sarwar, in the Chair

Mr Ian Davidson  
Mr Jim McGovern  
David Mundell

Lindsay Roy  
Pete Wishart

**1. *Forward Programme***

The Committee considered this matter.

**2. *Updated programme for the visit to Ireland***

The Committee considered this matter.

**3. *Government and FSA response to the Committee's Report on Dunfermline Building Society***

The Committee considered this matter.